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APPLICATION NO.: 09/715294

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GROUP ART UNIT:

EXAMINER:

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FOR: HERITABLE VIRAL EXPRESSION SYSTEM IN PLANTS

AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Introductory Comments

This is submitted in response to the Office Action dated April 9, 2003. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and submit the following in support thereof. Please amend the application as follows:

This response and amendment is filed outside the shortened three month statutory period for response. A request for a two month extension of time, including the appropriate fee accompanies this response.

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